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Movie Premiere

'A Glittering Success'

Johnny Cash, Earl Scruggs Appearances Benefit Gardner-Webb

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THE glitter of a world premiere fell over Charlotte and a major share of it fell on Gardner-Webb College as Johnny Cash and his family appeared for the first public showing of his movie, "Gospel Road," Feb. 14.

Cash and his wife, June, with G-W president, Dr. E. Eugene Poston, were the center attraction of the Carolinas' news media for two days. The film, the story of the life of Jesus Christ, played before two packed houses at the premiere. Proceeds from the two showings, after expenses, went into the school's student aid fund through the Annual Fund.

THE premiere was marred by a telephone threat on Cash's life, but the caller was apprehended and Cash and his wife were brought back to the theatre after being taken out under police escort. The man was questioned by police and released the next day.

Scores of newsmen followed Cash, June and Dr. Poston around, giving a great opportunity for the story of Gardner-Webb to be told to the public. Newsmen representing the major wire services, such papers as the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, and most major

papers in the two Carolinas were present for the event.

CASH, who was presented with an honorary doctor's degree 18 months ago by the college, praised the school and its work with the young people of the area.

"I have found that Gardner-Webb is the type of school that is doing what I feel should be done in the field of higher Christian education," Cash told one news conference. "I feel that there is a place for teaching young people that Jesus Christ is a vital part of their life and that they must have concern for the people of the world."

"I like the college and its approach to the teaching task of our young people. With its approach to the free enterprise system, plus its stated Christian purpose, I feel that Gardner-Webb is one of the shining lights in the field of higher education."

FOLLOWING the two showings of the film Johnny and June Cash, along with others in the film, were guests of honor at a reception near the site of the showing in Charlotte. Scores of G-W alumni, friends and students attended the reception.

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Earl Scruggs Comes 'Home' To G-W

Earl Scruggs, the country's king of banjo players, came home and his talents charmed those who know him best.

The man who wrote the music and played the banjo for the "Beaverly Hills Cop" and who wrote the music for the movie, "Barefoot and Clyde," returned Feb. 19 to the campus of Gardner-Webb College, where he won his first guitar playing contest at the age of six.

Scruggs, a native of Cleveland County, and the Earl Scruggs Revue played before a packed gymnasium of 3000 applauding friends, college students, former neighbors and his family in a performance to benefit G-

W's student aid fund.

In fact, one of his brothers, Horace, a member of the college's staff, joined Scruggs and his group on the stage for two numbers. Horace is a guitar player of local renown and these two numbers brought the house down.

The Earl Scruggs Revue brought new notices from critics. Earl's two sons, Randy and Gary, team with Jody McPherson and Josh Grimes to make up the group.

When Earl was a lad of six he walked three miles to the college's Hamrick Auditorium to take part in a talent contest. He was first

prize, and many say that started him on a road which has led to Carnegie Hall and appearances in many foreign countries.

The Earl Scruggs Revue produced music acceptable to all, with country well sprinkled with pop and rock for those who like that type of music. There was even some bluegrass.

The community was thrilled to have Scruggs as he came back to his native place and faces. The town of Boiling Springs gave him a key and a hand lettered citation, the college presented him with a plaque, and the ceramics department made a special necklace for him.



A February Album

• ABOVE, left, banjo-playing Earl Scruggs is joined on a campus stage by his brother, Horace, a member of the G-W staff, for a treat in family "harmony."

• ABOVE, right, Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, leave the Charlotte theater where the premiere of their movie, "Gospel Road," was shown Feb. 14.

• LEFT, Earl Scruggs, "a hometown boy," is presented a citation and key by Boiling Springs Mayor Jimmy Greene, a G-W alumnus.

• BELOW, left, are Johnny and June Cash with Charlotte's Mayor John Belk and G-W President Dr. E. Eugene Poston.

• BELOW, right, the Cashes are awarded gifts from Boiling Springs by Mayor Greene and his wife, the former Maxann Hamrick. They made the presentation in the Charlotte mayor's office.





A NEW LIFE—Mr. and Mrs. John Panella are shown with their three children, left to right, Darryl 13, Leazel 9, and Tina, 15.

Student Will Earn Degree In 1½ Years

A FORTY-year-old father of three may have set some kind of academic record by graduating from college in less than two years.

John Panella, a former branch manager of the IBM Corporation in Baltimore, will graduate from Gardner-Webb in May with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Panella was able to complete his work in three full semesters and one summer school, with additional credit earned through a college testing system.

Through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) he was able to earn 33 hours credit for college level courses by successfully showing an examination that he did have a thorough knowledge of the subjects. He gained 30 hours credit through the national testing center in Washington.

After entering Gardner-Webb he took additional CLEP tests gaining an additional 21 hours credit. If he successfully completes an examination on European history he will earn an additional six hours credit, allowing him to graduate this spring.

PANELLA seems destined to complete his college career in one complete year plus a semester. He has also maintained through his first year a straight "A" average.

Before entering Gardner-Webb, Panella had all the luxuries that most men work all their lives to obtain. As a branch manager for the IBM Corporation in Baltimore he had prestige, a good salary, a chance for more advancement and a solid security.

Why does a man give up such security? In Panella's case it was disillusionment.

"I had wanted to get to the top and I found out it was not all I thought it would be. I began to reevaluate my life and decided I wanted to do more of the Lord's work," said Panella. "I had always been active in the church but now I wanted to become more totally involved."

Panella decided to go back to school and major in psychology so that he would have a broad base for the field of Christian education. He plans to go into teaching or counseling at a Christian college or into pastoral counseling.

Once the decision of going back to school was made he had to choose a school. He contacted a long time friend, John Roberts of Greenville, S.C., where Panella was once a branch manager for IBM. Roberts is editor of the Baptist Courier in South Carolina and president of the GWC Alumni Association.

Roberts encouraged him to visit Gardner-Webb. Panella was impressed with the Christian environment and atmosphere exhibited by the professors, students, administration and staff.

DURING the spring holidays Panella's family was able to join him in Rocking Springs. Shortly after that he was called as pastor of Loretta Baptist Church near Greer, S.C.

Panella is quick to give God the credit for opening the doors for him.

For Offices, Honors

Nominations Sought From Alumni

Do you know of men and women who could provide leadership as officers or directors of the Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association?

Do you know alumni who merit recognition and awards for their outstanding achievements and contributions?

The Gardner-Webb alumni activities office is seeking informal nominations, both for association leaders and for awards to be presented at the annual alumni banquet in May. You're invited to nominate outstanding alumni by writing the college about these.

Alumni association posts to be filled by election at the May 13 banquet include those of president, vice president, and secretary. In addition, the association will elect 35 at-large directors for one-year terms and 10 other directors for regular three year terms.

Your suggestions will be presented to the nominations committee, which will prepare a slate for presentation at the banquet. Of course, nominations also may be made from the floor.

The top honor given a G-W alumnus at the banquet is the "Alumnus of the Year Award," presented by the college's board of trustees.

Your suggestions on worthy recipients will be presented to the trustees for consideration.

The association itself presents three major distinguished service awards—one for service to community, one for service to denomination, and for service to Gardner-Webb. Your nominations for these will be welcomed by the association's awards committee, which will determine the recipients.

To make a nomination or suggestion, please write Jerry Walker, Director of Alumni Activities, Gardner-Webb College, Rocking Springs, N. C. 28011. In your letter, give your nominee's name, address and occupation, and the post or award for which he is being suggested. Briefly tell why you think he should be elected or presented an award, and include a description of achievements or contributions you feel are significant. If desired, you may include other references who can supply additional information about the nominee.

Please submit your letters before April 6, as the nominations and awards committees must meet in advance of the banquet.

Bulldogs End Season With 19 Wins, 8 Losses

From all indications, the 1952-53 Gardner-Webb basketball season came to a close when the Bulldogs dropped a 101-98 game to Guilford in Charlotte Coliseum in the last regular season game.

The defeat was the first in the final six games, which saw the Bulldogs defeat Belmont Abbey, Western Carolina, Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba and UNC-Asheville. The loss closed out the season for the Bulldogs with a 19-7 season record, plus three wins and a single defeat in non-NCAA games.

In the final game the Bulldogs led most of the way, but late game foul troubles sent two Bulldogs to the sidelines and the Quakers were able to close the gap and win the important contest. A win for the Bulldogs would have kept them in contention for a berth in NCAA

District 26 finals, but the loss eliminated any hope for the play offs.

Looking back over the season, observers say much credit must be given to the youthful eagles of Coach Eddie Holbrook. The team started the season very inexperienced. Four of last year's regulars had graduated. Holbrook and his staff of Ben Hooper and Roger Banks molded a team out of three seasons and a host of freshmen and sophomores. In fact, the team did not have a single junior.

In most games Holbrook started one senior, three sophomores and a freshman. The team's leading scorer, Jim Blanks, of Kansas City, is a sophomore. Blanks scored an average of 24.6 points per game and freshman John Drew of Hylton, Ala., averaged 23.8 points per game. Another sophomore, Billy Ellis, of Benton

Springs, N. C., averaged 23.5 points per game. All three of these men return next year.

During the season the Bulldogs won for the first time the G.W. Haskins Inexpensive Tournament, beating Western Carolina. The Bulldogs also won two of three games on a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. In one of the wins they scored 155 points, which is the most ever scored by a collegiate team.

Bulldogs cage followers certainly have plenty to look forward to next year as Holbrook and his staff will have plenty of talent to mold into another winning combination.

Tennis Begins

Gardner-Webb's tennis team begins a 21-match schedule with most of the small college tennis powers in North Carolina March 15.

The Bulldogs, coached by P. A. Clow, will have nine matches at home and twelve on the road. The Gardner-Webb setters will host Elon College and Carson Newman College in a Tri-Match Tournament on April 14.

The Bulldogs have a young squad with six freshmen, three sophomores, one junior and one senior.

Members of the tennis team this year are: Steve Sept, a senior from Kings Mountain; Charles Nixon, a junior from Charlotte; sophomores Everett Robbins from Clinton, S. C., Ken Jarvis from Statesville and Bob Decker, Jr., from Shelby.

Freshmen on the team are Bert Brimberry, Albany, Ga., Randy Alexander and Phil Nixon, Gastonia, Billy Fajardo from Columbia, South America, and Jody Whitlock and Bruce Wade both from Salisbury, Maryland.



STUDENT GIFT—Tom Poston, left, director of student affairs, and Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, accept a gift of new furnishings presented on behalf of G.W. students by Steve Riddle, center, Student Government Association president.

G-W Meeting Room Furnished

Gardner-Webb students felt the need to improve the comfort and looks of one of the most used rooms on the campus, the meeting area for student government, local service clubs and an auxiliary dining room.

The students, under the direction of Steve Riddle, president of the Student Government Association, and Tom Poston, director of student affairs, decided to furnish this room with the finest in furniture.

After considerable study they purchased eight tables, 50 chairs, and a leather all

finished in royal oak. The chairs are leather-upholstered and the finest quality.

The funds, more than \$1,400, came from receipts of the recreational facilities operated by the students for student use. The student government felt that since the room was used jointly by the students, the administration and the local residents such an improved facility would benefit all of the people.

So now the college has a meeting room, suited to name, for groups of 50 and under, both for meetings and for meals.

Major Is Growing

Interest in the religious education major is steadily growing at Gardner-Webb. Among the 264 majors in the department of religious studies and philosophy, 75 are majoring in religious education. This is a 47 per cent increase in the number of religious education majors over last year. The enrollment of the department is up 20 per cent and the college enrollment is up eight per cent.

In addition to the religious education courses, majors are advised to choose from a variety of supplementary courses, including at least twelve hours each of Biblical studies, psychology, Greek, and nine hours of sociology.

With The Alumni

James Zubalen Wright '52 is director of the Education Professions Development Act Program for the West Virginia State Department of Education. He has been broadly involved in studies and projects concerning the teaching of social studies, educational innovations and curriculum development. Wright received a bachelor's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree at George Peabody College. He returned to Peabody in 1955 to complete a doctoral dissertation on Southern author Thomas Dixon. He and his wife, the former Stern Sue Greenmore of Nashville, Tenn., have one son.

The Rev. William H. Pope '54 is pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Shelby, N. C. He formerly was pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Church in Mt. Holly, N. C. He and his wife are the parents of a daughter and son.

Edward Eugene Huse '55 has been promoted to assistant secretary and assistant treasurer at American & Allied Thread Mills, Inc., in Gastonia, N. C. He joined the firm in 1963.

Capt. Jerry M. Ballard '56 has been stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines as a flight inspection pilot and a member of a faculty checking squadron. He served one tour of duty in Vietnam.

The Rev. **Harrell Parsons '58** is superintendent of missions for the Chesterfield, S. C., Baptist Association. He formerly served the Macedonia and Ruby churches in the association, of which he formerly was moderator.

Mr. and Mrs. David Toney (Elaine Ann) wood '65 welcomed a daughter, Sarah Ann, Feb. 1. They also have a son, Chad David, two years old.

Roberta Blanton Nix '66 is a new English teacher at Chase High School in Rutherford County, N. C. She and her husband, Troy, live at Route 2, Elkhorn. She is pastor for the High Shoals Baptist Church there.

Donald H. Ross '62 and '66 was graduated from Florence, Ala., State University in 1970 and since then has been a staff member of the Hartford Insurance Group, assigned in Columbia, S. C. His wife, Doris Fawcett Ross '66 is scheduled to graduate in May this year from the University of South Carolina with a degree in secondary education.

Ronald Eugene Ivester '67 was married in December to Pamela Roghies of Casco, N. C. He is quality control manager of Knafelt Company in Shelby, N. C., where they are making their home.

Johnny DeWitt McGee '67 of Lancaster, S. C., was married in January to Patricia Ann Pittman of Thomasville. They are living in Chester, S. C., where he is sports editor of the Chester News and Reporter.

Jean Gargano Farmer '67 lives in Rocky Mount, N. C., with her husband, Samuel Paul Farmer Jr., who's now in the U. S. Air Force. They were married Jan. 26. Jean is bookkeeper-receptionist for the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and is also staff advisor for its community arts council.

Marcia Ann Blanton Stagle '68 and her husband Van of Burlington, N. C. last year opened their home to foster children from Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. They're now caring for two young brothers. "Our biggest concern was having to give the children up," says Marcia, "but we decided if we could love them for a while and help some, it would be worth it."

Charles L. Tanager '70 of Route 2, Taylorsville, recently was selected to attend N. C. State University's annual modern farming short course. He is co-owner of Green Valley Farm Supply Co. in Lenoir.

Janet Johnson Williams '71 is living in Salisbury, N. C., with her husband, Danny Ray Williams. They were married in December.

May Madhira Burton '71 and **Joel Wayne McKinney '72** wed in December and are living at 1 Downey House Apartments in Gastonia, N. C. Joel is a field representative for General Motors Acceptance Corp., in that city.

Jim Hedrick '71 has been named supervisor for the upholstering of a new line of chairs by Ethas Allen, Inc., Macon, N. C., dryclean. He's formerly taught health and physical education in public school.

Sharon Lynne Niagara '72 and **Steve Adams '72** were married last July. Sharon is teaching second grade at Oakdale Elementary School in Claremont, N. C. Steve is teaching English at Bandy High School nearby and is coaching football.

Jack T. Hanzlick '72 has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from officer training school and has been assigned to Mather Air Force Base in California.

Larry William Berris '72 was married in December to Beulah Weldon Turley III and they're making their home in Mebane, N. C. He's employed by Hoffins's Electric Company.

Charles Ann Griffin '72 of Winston-Salem, N. C., was married Jan. 4 to Robert Ford.

David F. Aiken '72 and wife, Barbara, live at Nottingham Apartments at Route 3, Box 20 B in Forest City, N. C. He is teaching at New Hope School in nearby Rutherfordville.

On Campus

GARDNER WEBB is one of 41 private colleges and universities in North Carolina selected to receive part of a \$48,000 grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Gardner-Webb's share is \$1,300 and will be used to supplement the normal library book acquisition budget.

THE college's Choral Ensemble scheduled a six-day tour of five states during spring break, March 3-10. The 24-voice ensemble had concerts slated in 12 high schools and churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey.

DR. ROBERT Blackham, head of the college's department of health and physical education, and three students attended the annual convention of the southern district of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation in February. Dr. Blackham served as chairman of the health education research section at the convention, held in Jackson, Miss.

THE college's physical education department sponsored a wrestling clinic in February for the public and area high school and junior high school students. The clinic included a demonstration of wrestling procedures and a match between wrestlers from G-W and Catawba College.



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It yet remains to be seen just how large our Webb will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

Drive Over Top

The Gardner-Webb College capital gifts campaign in Lincoln and Lincoln County, N. C., came to a successful conclusion with more than \$116,000 raised for the construction of new buildings on the campus of the college.

The final campaign meeting showed a total of \$115,385.61 reported. Of this amount, \$107,900 came from the special gifts committee with Wayne Barnes, Lincoln furniture manufacturer, as the chairman.

The general gifts committee reported gifts of \$7,200. Jerry Campbell was chairman of the general gifts committee. John P. Smith was the general chairman of the entire campaign.

Keeping Track

The college alumni office lacks addresses for the former students listed below. If you know their mailing addresses, or know someone else who does, please contact the director of alumni relations. Your help will be appreciated.

Reba Carol Hall '67, Joe H. Kempf '68, James Kirby '48, Mrs. John D. McSwain (Rosemary E. Hopkins) '44, Van L. Morrow '53, George H. Reed '65, Robin Satterfield '53, Malcolm L. Singleton, '72, the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Splawn '34, Philip B. Stone '67, Douglas Wayne Soley '60, Lynn Thompson '67, David F. Wagner '55, Mrs. Charles W. Walker (Brenda Porter) '53, Donald Cecil Wauke '65, Mr. and Mrs. Claude White '57, A. G. White '59 '54, Mrs. Robert Williams (Kathy Everett) '53, Mrs. Martha Paschal Young '68, and Mr. and Mrs. Zeb V. Moore '60.

Summer School Begins June 4

Plans for summer school at Gardner-Webb College have been announced and the first five week session will open June 4. The final session will begin July 7.

Thomas J. McGraw, vice president of academic affairs, said that registration will be held Monday, June 4, at 9 a. m. Classes will begin the next day. June 6 is the last day that students can register for credit. Summer school graduation is scheduled for Saturday, August 11.

Courses will be offered in art, business administration, biology, chemistry, data processing, education, geology, health, history, mathematics, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, Spanish, economics, English, geography, music, physical education and philosophy.

There will be three workshops held during each session of summer school.

A workshop, Education 456, "Supervising the Secondary Student Teachers," will be taught by Dr. Randolph Carothers. Dr. Carothers will also teach Education 455, "Supervising the Elementary Student Teacher." Both of these workshops last three weeks and carry three hours of credit.

James Reisk will teach a workshop, Art 305, "Arts and Crafts in the Elementary School," for three weeks during the first semester. It is a three-hour credit course.

During the second session, Dr. Carothers will teach the "Supervising the Elementary School Teacher" and Dr. Michael Herrelious will teach Biology 320, "Environment Science," also a three-week workshop for three hours of credit. Jesse Taylor will teach North Carolina history, History 345, for three weeks beginning July 9 for three hours credit.

Two summer travel study programs are being planned. The first is a religious course with the tour led by Dr. Furness Hewitt July 26-Aug. 8. The tour will include visits to Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus and Israel.

The other study travel course is a trip to France to study French. It will be led by Dr. Robert Morgan. The group will leave June 3 and return July 17. Five weeks will be spent in Paris and one week in Loire Valley. This will be for six semester hours credit.

Those wishing further information on summer school at Gardner-Webb should contact: Director of Summer School, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. 28017.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

MARCH 13

Tennara Opera Players present Gilbert & Sullivan opera "The Mikado." (Admission at door)

Hawrick Aud.
8:00 p. m.

MARCH 22

N. C. Little Symphony Concert with GWC Choral Groups

Boiling Springs
Baptist Church
8:15 p. m.

MARCH 24

VIP Day for visiting student prospects.
10:00 a. m.

MARCH 26

Faculty Recital: Robert Reynolds, pianist

OMG Recital Hall
8:00 p. m.

APRIL 5

Faculty Recital: Patricia Herrelious, soprano; Dr. George Webb, accompanist
Dover Chapel
8:00 p. m.

APRIL 6, 7, 8

Play — "J. B." GWC Department of Dramatics (Admission at door)
Hawrick Aud.
8:00 p. m.

APRIL 9-13

Spring Emphasis — Festival of Christian Arts

APRIL 12

"The Church," Oratorio by Philip Landgrave, presented by GWC Chorus. The ensemble will be on campus for the performance and related religious emphasis week activities.

Hawrick Aud.
8:00 p. m.

APRIL 14

VIP Day for visiting student prospects
10:00 a. m.